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DEW Executive Director Shows Support for Guard and Reserve Employees



Columbia, SC... Recently, the SC Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) Executive Director Abraham J. Turner signed a Statement of Support for Guard and Reserve employees; an initiative lead by the South Carolina branch of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (SCESGR).

SCESGR is the Department of Defense (DoD) agency that seeks to develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees with ESGR as the

principal advocate within the DoD. It does so, by advocating relevant initiatives, recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of applicable laws and resolving conflict between employers and service members.

The DoD reports that almost half of the nation's military force resides in the Reserve Component, which is comprised of the Guard and Reserve. The men and women who serve in the Reserve Component are unique in that they also have civilian employers.

According to SCESGR, there are approximately 20,000 Guard and Reserve members residing in South Carolina.

SCESGR provides supporters with helpful information regarding legislation, training and briefings. All of which supplement SCESGR's mission to support America's employers and the employees they share with the nation to ensure the viability of the all-volunteer force, and thus national security.

“By signing this statement of support, I am confident the DEW can partner to help facilitate and continue the efforts of focusing much-needed attention on employers’ support of military servicemen and women. I am always delighted to assist with these types of efforts whenever possible,” said Turner.

“As a Retired Army Major General, I can appreciate an organization such as SCESGR because paramount to its mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.”

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